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THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Letter dated 13 September 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Senegal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of the communiqué issued by Mr. Abdou Diouf, in his dual capacity as Chairman of the Sixth Summit of the Organization of the Islamic Conference and President of the Republic of Senegal, concerning the mutual recognition of the State of Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly, under agenda items 30 and 35, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Kéba Birane CISSE
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Communiqué issued by the Chairman of the Sixth Summit of the Organization of the Islamic Conference and President of Senegal

After years of hostilities, Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization have exchanged letters of mutual recognition.

In my capacity as Chairman of the Sixth Summit of the Organization of the Islamic Conference and President of the Republic of Senegal, I welcome this major event which marks an important step towards the settlement of the Palestinian question and thus of the conflict in the Middle East, a region which is the birthplace of the three revealed religions.

I also extend warm congratulations to the two parties on their broadness of vision as well as to all those who have contributed to the conclusion of this agreement.

I urge them to continue their efforts so as to ensure that the important result thus achieved is but the beginning of a process that will lead to a definitive peace in the region, in the mutual interest of all the peoples concerned.

In this regard, the parties can count on the firm support of the Organization of the Islamic Conference and its member States, which have always worked actively for the achievement of this noble objective.